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HENRY COUNTY'S McRAE-McALLISTER CEMETERY LISTED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission recently listed McRae-McAllister Cemetery near Shorterville to the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register.

"The cemetery register is a prestigious listing of historic cemeteries in Alabama," said Lee Anne Wofford, cemetery program coordinator. "The AHC considers the notable historic cemeteries in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition."

There are now ten cemeteries in Henry County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 285 cemeteries statewide.

McRae-McAllister Cemetery dates to the 1840s. The first person buried here was Col. Robert Irvin who died in 1843. This cemetery is the final resting place for many members of the McRae family, their relatives and friends. The last person buried here was Bennett McAllister, a WW II veteran, who died in 1956. Many of those buried in this cemetery were early settlers of Alabama and leading citizens of the lost town of Franklin, Alabama, the first settlement in what is now Henry County, Alabama.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Historic Cemetery Program that gives aid to the general public, government officials, civic groups, and others in identifying, documenting, registering, and conserving Alabama's historic cemeteries.

The Alabama Historic Cemetery Register officially recognizes and honors family and community cemeteries that were established at least 40 years ago.

Listing in the state cemetery register is an honorary designation imposing no restrictions on property owners. State law protects all cemeteries from willful desecration and destruction.

*The mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission** is to protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places. It is the state's historic preservation agency and serves as the State Historic Preservation Office.*

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